

# LOCKE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



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*A non-profit organization benefiting the  
last rural Chinese town in the United States, the Town of Locke*

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Erik Vink  
Delta Protection Commission  
2101 Stone Blvd., Suite 210  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Dear Mr. Vink:

On behalf of the Locke Management Association (LMA), I am writing to express full support for the proposed Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA).

The LMA recognizes the benefits which a NHA could have for the Delta, particularly regarding public education and community enhancement through increased visibility and recognition of the Delta as a place of special significance. The third theme of the proposed Delta NHA, "Multi-cultural Contributions and Experiences Have Shaped the Delta's Rural Landscapes" reflects the important role that Chinese immigrants played in establishing the first set of Delta levees and subsequent contributors to the Delta's agricultural economy. As the last rural Chinatown in the United States and a National Historic Landmark, Locke is an important component of this history and could be a valuable part of the heritage area.

If NHA designation occurs, LMA encourages the Delta Protection Commission to discuss collaborative activities which could further highlight and promote Locke's unique story and existing historical resources. LMA recognizes the exciting prospect of the Delta as the first NHA in the State of California, and once again, expresses full support for the designation. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jay Correia, Chair  
Locke Management Association